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1. The new Porabka coal mine will cover an area of approximately 2 square kilo-
meters between Dabrowa-Gornicza and Zagorze along the freight railroad line
Zagorze-Myslowice. Exploitation of the mine is supposed to start in 1955,
when all installations are completed. Production is expected to amount to
10,000 tons a day, making it one of the largest coal mines in Europe.
2. Construction of the mine had been planned since before 1952, but was not com-
menced until January 1952. [redacted] there
were approximately 50 administrative employees and 300 laborers at the con-
struction site. The laborers worked in two shifts, from 0600 hours to 1400
hours and from 1400 hours to 2200 hours. Only the workers pumping water
from the Jadwiga shaft worked 24 hours a day, in four shifts of six hours
each.
3. At that time, only temporary buildings, largely of wood, were built. After
completion of the leveling, gigantic permanent constructions were to be erected.
4. Three levelers were employed to level the grounds; a Soviet make, operating on
petroleum, a German and a Czech make operating on electricity. The earth is
removed by narrow-gauge railway trains. Eight locomotives work in two shifts,
four in each shift.
5. Electric power for the mine is furnished from the Malobladz plant at Bedzin.
6. The enclosed sketch shows the construction site as of February 1953.

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] power plant on Malobladz street in
Bedzin.

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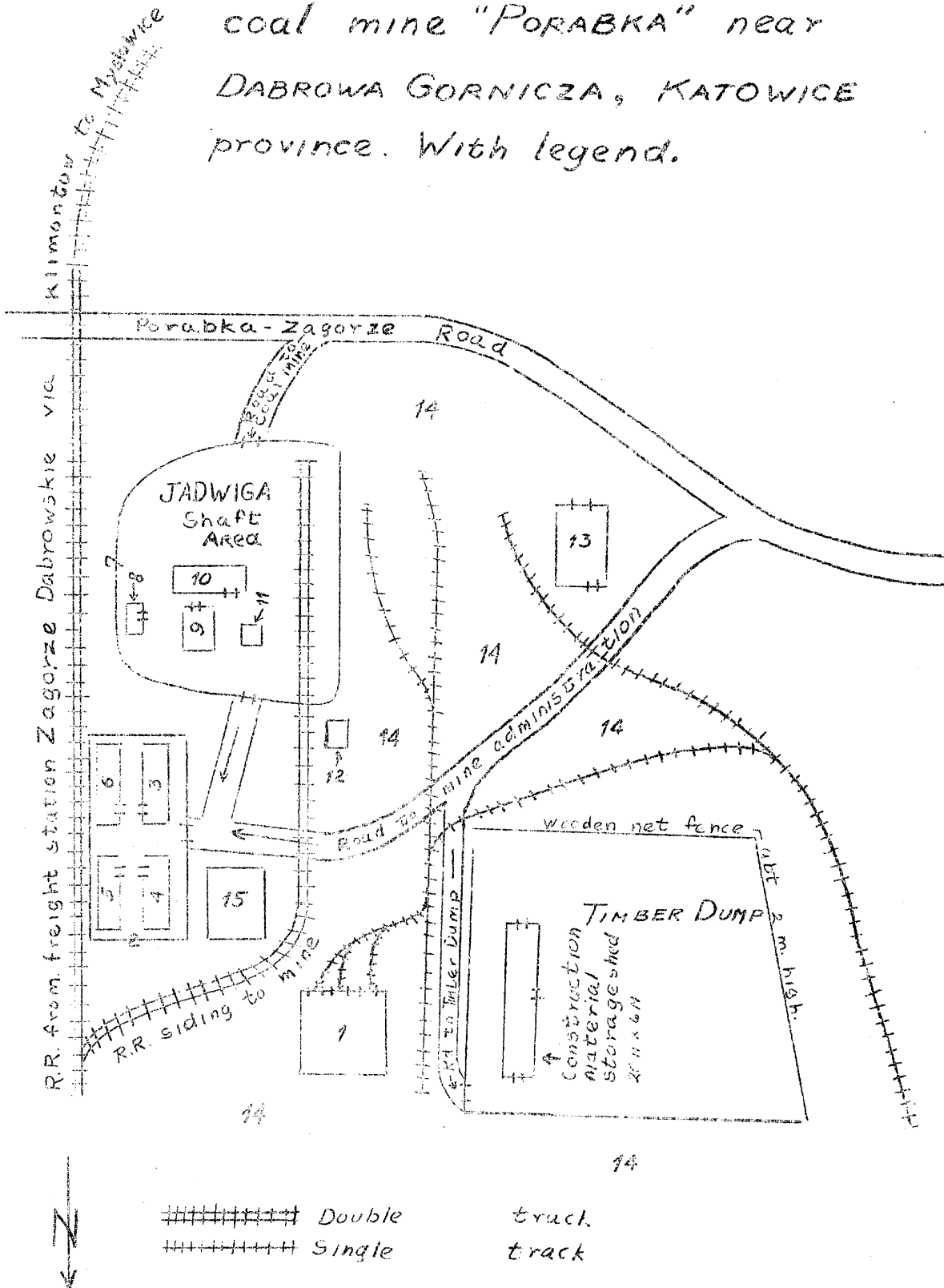
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Sketch of the new
coal mine "PORABKA" near
DABROWA GORNICZA, KATOWICE
province. With legend.



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LEGEND TO MEMORY SKETCH OF THE NEW COAL MINE "PORABKA" NEAR DAIROWA

GORNICZA, KATOWICE PROVINCE:

1. Wooden "garages" (12 x 12 meters) for locomotives of the narrow gauge railway.
2. Wire mesh fence, about 2 meters high.
3. Wooden barrack, 5 x 15 meters, consisting of 8 rooms, occupied by the direction and administration of the mine. 1st room: Director and secretary; 2nd room: Labor and Pay Inspector; 3rd room: Accounting; 4th room: Bookkeeping; 5th room: Supply; 6th room: Planning; 7th room: Personnel manager; 8th room: Telephone exchange.
4. Wooden barrack, 5 x 15 meters, 8 rooms. Occupied by technical and investment departments.
5. Wooden barrack, 5 x 15 meters, 8 rooms. Sleeping rooms for provincial workers.
6. Wooden barrack, 5 x 15 meters, 8 rooms. Occupied by: Construction department, fire service, industrial guards, reading room, PZPR office and offices of the Enterprise for Engineering Works in charge of the levelling of the grounds for the construction of the mine.
7. Wooden fence about 1.50 meters high, surrounding the shaft "JADWIGA".
8. Handy workshop. Wooden barrack.
9. Brick building, 6 x 10 meters. Electric excavating machine.
10. Brick building, 6 x 12 meters; engine room.
11. Wooden excavating tower of the "JADWIGA" shaft.
12. Wooden excavating tower under construction (for building of a new shaft).
13. Brick building, 10 x 18 meters. Worker's mess.
14. Area to be levelled for the construction of the mine.
15. Construction of reinforced foundations for the main warehouse of the mine. Approximately 12 x 20 meters.

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